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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 remain in this application with claims 1, 12, 14, 16 and 22 being independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 16, 17, 22 and 23 have been amended.

In the outstanding official action, the independent claims 1, 12, 14, 16 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by *Donovan* (US Patent No. 6,434,143). Applicant respectfully asserts that these independent claims define over *Donovan*. In particular, neither *Donovan* nor any of the cited references, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination disclose, teach, or render obvious the present invention. Among other things, the present invention claims "private telephony signaling code". Although *Donovan* does disclose telephony signaling messages or codes, they are not the "private telephony signaling code" as claimed (See *Donovan* column 3, lines 1-7). Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are patentable over *Donovan*.

Regarding claims 2-11, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

Regarding claim 13, as this claim depends either directly or indirectly from independent claim 12, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully asserts that this claim is also patentable over the cited references.

Regarding claim 15, as this claim depends either directly or indirectly from independent claim 14, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully asserts that this claim is also patentable over the cited references.

Regarding claims 17-21, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 16, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.


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Regarding claims 23-28, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 22, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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